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President R. A. Falkner,

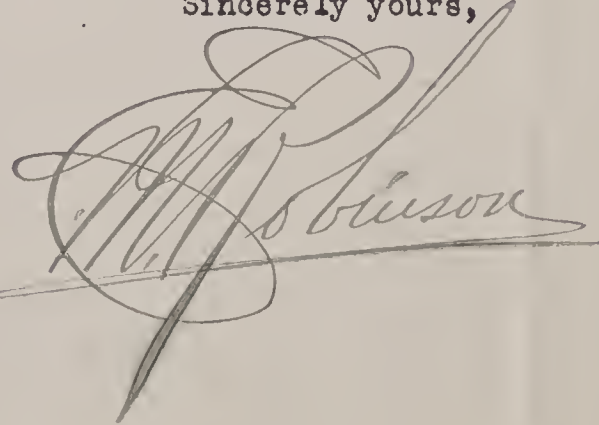
Toronto, Ont. Can.

Dear Mr. Falkner:

Representatives of our Committee who will attend a meeting of Association leaders from all parts of the world within a few weeks, are asked to set forth the place of the technically trained officer as Secretary, Physical Director, etc., in the Association organization. It is recognized that the general direction and final responsibility for the Association in this country, as well as in other lands, rests with the laymen who serve on the Boards of Directors, but in the minds of many, the phenomenal success of the North American Associations as contrasted with the record of those in many other lands, is due very largely to the fact that in this country the laymen have associated with them as the employed force of the Associations a group of able and trained men.

We would greatly appreciate a few lines from you embodying your opinion in this matter as it will doubtless have weight with the Associations in some of the European countries where this very question is now being considered.

Sincerely yours,



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May 20th, 1914

E. M. Robinson, Esq.,

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Dear Sir:

I do not know very well what I can send you, but I agree with you that part of the success of the Young Men's Christian Association in this country has been due to the large share taken in its direction by prominent laymen.

Yours sincerely,

President.

